



Celebrate the 225th Anniversary
of the American Revolution

October 1, 2002 - June 22, 2003



Things to See and
Do on Your Visit

A visit to Valley Forge National Historical Park is an ideal way to pay tribute to the original defenders of liberty. Enhance your historical pilgrimage by taking part in the following activities. All are free unless otherwise noted.

Welcome Center:
Begin Your Visit
Here

Park rangers and volunteers will assist you in planning your visit. Pick up a **park map** and check for any **special programs** being offered that day.

Daily
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

While here, view the orientation **film**, shop in the Encampment Store, and explore the exhibits.

Tour Stop #1

April 1st - November 30th , tickets to Washington's Headquarters are available for purchase at the information desk. If you plan to visit Washington's Headquarters, please purchase tickets before leaving the Welcome Center.

National Park Passes are available at the Welcome Center throughout the year.

Park Film:

Valley Forge: A Winter Encampment

Shown in the theater every half-hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (18 minutes)

Ranger-led Walk

Daily, May 24th - September 1st

Following in Their Footsteps

10:50 a.m. & 1:50 p.m.

Rangers describe the importance of Valley Forge in achieving victory over the British. Meet in front of the theater. (¼ mile walk; 40 minutes)

Bus tours of the park are offered mid-May through Labor Day, by Valley Forge Tours. Tickets and information are available at the bus tour desk.

Muhlenberg Brigade

Weekends
September 2nd - May 2nd

Daily
May 3rd - September 1st

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tour Stop #2



Life of a Regular Soldier

Costumed interpreters portray camp life and describe the experiences of the soldiers and women of the army.

Program:

Commemorating the Soldiers

Daily, May 24th - September 1st

11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Discover more about the dedication, teamwork, and skills that enabled the Continental soldiers to persevere. (20 minutes)

Program and Demonstration:

Rations for Washington's Soldiers

Saturdays, May 24th - September 1st

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Find out how the army supplied thousands of daily meals to the hungry troops. See an 18th century military bake oven in operation. (ongoing)

Washington's
Headquarters Area

Daily
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour Stop #5

Washington's Headquarters

Visit the house George Washington used as his headquarters. Here Washington and his dedicated staff performed the vital work that held the war effort together.

Entrance fee (April 1st - November 30th):

\$3.00 per adult admission. Children 16 and under, free. Tickets and passes available at the Welcome Center.

The Village of Valley Forge

Before the encampment, Valley Forge was a thriving iron-making community. As you walk the grounds, read the wayside exhibits and learn about life in the village during 1777-78.

Program:

Valley Forge: A Closer Look

Daily, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 3 p.m.

Take a closer look into some of the more remarkable, but little known, aspects of the encampment. Park rangers will present a variety of talks and tours designed to help you gain a greater appreciation of the Valley Forge story. Specific topics will be posted daily. (20 minutes)

Deweese's House

Saturdays & Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ongoing exhibits and presentations about military justice, army supply, and other topics.

Varnum's Quarters

Weekends
September 2nd - May 2nd

Daily
May 3rd - September 1st

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tour Stop #9



Living with an Army

Visit the house where General James Varnum quartered and see the Grand Parade where Baron von Steuben trained the troops. Discover how the encampment affected civilians who lived at Valley Forge. Learn what opportunities the Continental Army offered diverse military and civilian participants.

Washington Memorial Chapel

Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tour Stop #10

The Washington Memorial Chapel is home to an active congregation. The beautifully appointed interior of the early 20th century church commemorates George Washington's service to his country.

The chapel complex is also home to the Chapel Cabin Shop and the World of Scouting Museum.

French Alliance Day: Saturday, May 3rd.

Carillon Concerts: Wednesday nights during July and August.

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 18th

For more information on these and other programs, contact the chapel at 610-783-0120

Nature Center

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
April 6th - November 20th
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Colorful, informative displays highlight the natural resources at Valley Forge and show how the National Park Service is preserving and protecting them for the enjoyment of today's visitors and for future generations. Here you can learn the connection between the natural landscape and the choice of Valley Forge as the site of the encampment.

Group Programs:

Tours for groups of ten or more are available by appointment. Contact Margaret Carfioli, Biological Technician at 610-783-1041 or Margaret_Carfioli@nps.gov to make arrangements.

Huntington's Quarters
Near Tour Stop #10

Special Programs

The Soldier's Weapon: Small Arms
Saturday, October 5th, 1:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tours Stop #2
The musket and rifle were the tools of the Continental soldier and the rifleman. Although primitive by today's standards for military weapons, these small arms served their purpose well and were considered by some to be "the state of the art." This one-hour program will explore the history of the military small arms, how they were made, and how they were used during the Revolutionary War.

Welcome Center Opening
Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Welcome Center - Tour Stop #1 and Throughout the Park
During this activity filled weekend you can explore a new exhibit that highlights stories of the Valley Forge encampment. By combining three major collections, this exhibition brings the American Revolution to life. Made possible by a contribution from Exelon, the new Welcome Center showcases the partnership between the National Park Service and the National Center for the American Revolution.

Guided tours and special presentations will help you discover the people who encamped at Valley Forge. Children will enjoy eighteenth century toys and games as well as dressing up as a Continental soldier.

Show Me the Money!
Saturday, October 19th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5
The soldiers of George Washington's army were the highest paid enlisted men in the world; when they were paid! Through the efforts of a few wealthy American financiers, along with the French, Dutch, and Spanish treasuries, the American war effort was able to survive. Join a park ranger for this one-hour program on this neglected, but important topic of the Revolution.

The Elegant Weapon: Swords of the American Revolution
Saturday, November 9th, 1:00 p. m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5
The military sword has always been looked upon as a romantic weapon and a symbol of status, but it was an effective weapon when handled by a skilled officer. This one-hour program will explore the history of the military sword, how it was made, and its use as a combat weapon during the Revolutionary War.

Sullivan's Bridge
Sunday, November 17th, 1:00 p.m.
Walnut Hill, North Side

One of the most amazing feats accomplished by the soldiers at Valley Forge during the dead of winter was the construction of a bridge across the Schuylkill River. Learn how General John Sullivan dealt with limited supplies of materials, tools, and skilled manpower to construct a bridge, which he proudly presented to General Washington. This two-hour, 2.5 mile hike will visit the site of "Sullivan's Bridge." Sturdy walking shoes and appropriate clothing are recommended for this program.

Abigail Freeman: Reflections on the Past
Saturday, November 23th, 1:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1
In this program, you will meet Abigail Freeman, an African American camp follower with George Washington's army. "Abigail" is a character whose life story is based on the lives of several actual people. Here Abigail reflects on the trials and triumphs experienced by the Continental Army at Valley Forge.

New Archeological Discoveries at Valley Forge
Saturday, November 30th, 1:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1
Recent archeological research in the Pennsylvania Brigade area of the Valley Forge encampment has revealed new information concerning the nature of the encampment and its major elements. This illustrated one-hour talk will introduce the series and present a summary of the current excavation.

A Salute to the Continental Soldiers
Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2
Visit with the soldiers of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion as they encamp along the outer line of defense at Valley Forge. Learn about this regiment's history and the role they played during the Philadelphia Campaign. Military drill, pay call, and issuing of rations will be a part of this one-day program.



March-In of the Continental Army
Thursday, December 19th , 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Washington's Headquarters Area - Tour Stop #5

By the nightfall of December 19, 1777, thousands of Continental soldiers arrived at Valley Forge and established camp. Join Valley Forge National Historical Park in commemorating this historic event. Guided tours by lantern light will offer stories of the soldiers, officers, camp followers, and local civilians and their struggle for independence. You are also welcome to talk with the soldiers and camp followers, visit the Isaac Potts' House (Washington's Headquarters), indulge in the refreshments that are offered by the Friends of Valley Forge, and purchase a memento at the Encampment Store.

Tour times: 6:10, 6:30, 6:50, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50 (45 minutes)

Feeding an Army:
The Archeology of the Soldier's Diet at Valley Forge
Saturday, December 28th, 1:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1

This discussion will focus on the archeological evidence for both food preparation and distribution. The camp kitchens found in the Pennsylvania brigade will be compared with the current research and analysis of archeological remains during this one-hour program.

Chaplains of the Continental Army
Saturday, January 11th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5

Religion played an important role in sustaining and encouraging the fighting spirit of the Continental soldier. For the most part, the over two hundred Continental Army chaplains shared in the common soldier's privations and hardships, often taking up the musket with the Bible. This one-hour program will give an overview of the little-known story of the chaplain's role in helping to secure America's freedom.

Doan Gang
Sunday, January 19th, 2:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5

Today, the name of Doan would mean nothing to most folks, but in 1777-78, the mention of that name would frighten the bravest of the brave. Though some feared them, there were those who thought of them as heroes. During the Valley Forge encampment, the Doan Gang would ride throughout the area frightening the local inhabitants into supplying or helping the Continental Army. During this one-hour program, you will learn about the rise and fall of the most notorious gang of the American Revolution.

"Light Horse Harry" Lee
Saturday, January 25th, 1:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2
"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countryman."
This famous description of General Washington is credited to Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee. Who was this man and what was his role during the Valley Forge encampment? In this one-hour program, learn about this man and the tools of war he used to fight the British during the war for our nation's independence.

A Salute to the Continental Soldiers
Saturday, February 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2
See December 7th listing.

The Spies at Valley Forge
February 8th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5

There are perhaps no more secretive people in history than spies. During the 1777-1778 encampment, many people, from all walks of life, gave information to both the Continentals at Valley Forge and the English in Philadelphia. Some of it was reliable, some of it was not. Join a ranger for this one-hour discussion about the famous, and infamous, people that nobody liked, but everybody needed, the spies of Valley Forge.

The Archeology of Command:
Organization and Functions of the Valley Forge Encampment
Saturday, February 22nd, 1:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1

Recent archeological investigations in the area where the Pennsylvania Brigade encamped have suggested a close relationship between the design published by Baron von Steuben and the actual camp. This one-hour presentation will document these archeological discoveries and how they mirror the life of the soldiers.

The Women of Washington's Army
Saturday, March 8th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5

We know of the struggles and heroism of the men who served at Valley Forge, but what about the women? They also served and struggled in the encampment. Who were these women? How did they support the American fight for freedom? Join those women for this one-hour program where you will discover the answers to these questions.

How the Natural Dictates the Cultural
Saturday, March 15th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5

Survival for the Continental Army at Valley Forge depended on how well the army understood and adapted to its natural environment. This one-hour presentation will examine the many aspects of the natural environment of Valley Forge, and how it was instrumental in the development and formation of the winter encampment.

Washington's Birthday Weekend

This Was His Day - 6th Pennsylvania Regiment
Saturday, February 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Washington's Headquarters Area - Tour Stop #5

The soldiers didn't have much during the encampment; still the men of the Continental Army wanted to find a way to salute General George Washington on his birthday. Join the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment as they honor Washington with drilling, marching, and musket demonstrations.

A Soldier's Salute to General Washington - 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment
Sunday, February 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2

As a tribute to George Washington, Revolutionary War soldiers of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment will illustrate how well they learned the art of war while encamped at Valley Forge. Talk to the soldiers and camp followers and watch the men as they demonstrate their marching, drilling, and musket skills.

Warriors and Rangers
Saturday, February 16 , 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Artillery Park - Tour Stop #8

American Indians of the Onieda Nation return to Valley Forge to tell their story of participation in the American Revolution. Not



only did they lend support for Washington and his troops, they enlisted as soldiers and fought as artilleryman and riflemen in the Continental Army. This two-day program will explore these unique people and their story. (on-going)

Young Soldiers for Washington's Army
Monday, February 17th, 11:00 a.m.
Welcome Center, Education Center - Tour Stop #1

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to join a brigade in Washington's army. Meet in front of the Welcome Center Education Center to learn to march and drill like the General's soldiers did at Valley Forge. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This one-hour program will conclude with a march to Muhlenberg Brigade to see a musket demonstration. (weather permitting)

Washington as Military Commander-in-Chief
Monday, February 17th, 2:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1

On President's Day, we commemorate two of our greatest civilian leaders. However, one of those leaders has not always received due credit for his performance as a military commander-in-chief. This one-hour program will discuss George Washington's role as Continental Army General, and what he did to help win the Revolutionary War.

What the Weak Use to Resist the Strong
Sunday, March 30th, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Redoubt #3 - Tour Stop #7
During the six months the Continental Army was encamped at Valley Forge, British commanders, occupying Philadelphia, could have attacked. One of the reasons they did not was the system of earthwork fortifications constructed by Washington's troops. Join a soldier at the site of an original fort, or "redoubt," and learn about the defenses of Valley Forge. (on-going)


The Immortals
Saturday, April 5th, 1:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5
Always standing, never running, the Maryland line after the winter encampment of 1777 - 1778, were always the first sent to relieve any difficult area. They were cool and calm on the battlefield. When given an order they carried it out completely. Names like, Howard, Williams, and Gist, through relatively unknown today, sent shivers down British backs when they knew that Maryland was on the field. Join a park ranger for a one-hour discussion on how the Maryland line became known as "The Immortals."

The Quartermaster Department
Saturday, April 12th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Walnut Hill, North Side
With the establishment of a Quartermaster Department, a regular system of supplying the troops began to take form. Along with obtaining these much needed materials and equipment, there needed to be a system to transport these supplies. Through a series of thematic presentations, we will examine the various challenges that had to be overcome.

- Special presentations are scheduled at:
- 11:00 a.m.: Supplies for the Troops** - What did the soldiers need to survive? (one-hour)
 - 1:00 p.m.: Transportation Equipment** - What equipment was used to bring supplies to camp? (one-hour)
 - 3:00 p.m.: How was it done?** - Learn about the 18th century records that document the supply difficulties that were encountered. (one-hour)

The Cultural Landscape of the North Side of the Schuylkill River: Buildings, Artifacts, and Archeological Sites
Saturday, April 19th, 1:00 p.m.
Walnut Hill, North Side
Archeological investigations of parklands north of the Schuylkill River have only scratched the surface. Potential new discoveries are possible. An examination of the current landscape, the surviving eighteenth and nineteenth century structures, as well as archeological finds will be featured during this one-hour presentation.

Linda Russell, 18th Century Balladeer in Concert
Saturday, April 26th, 1:00 p.m.
Welcome Center, Theater - Tour Stop #1
Linda Russell will perform a one-hour concert of 18th century folk music that was familiar to George Washington and his troops. Accompanying herself on period instruments, Ms. Russell will not only entertain with song, but with lively commentary on the life and times of Revolutionary era America.



The French Alliance
Saturday, May 3rd, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 4th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Grand Parade - Tour Stop #9

The spring of 1778 brought news that the French would be lending their support to the American cause for Independence. The reaction of the soldiers of Washington's army was one of joyous celebration. In commemoration of this historic event, soldiers and officers of the Continental Army will once again gather on the Grand Parade to celebrate the news of this momentous alliance. Visit with the soldiers and camp followers, enjoy evening tours, and celebrate as they did 225 years ago.

May 3rd:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Camp Open for Visitation
6:30, 7:00 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.: Evening Tours of Camp

May 4th:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Camp Open for Visitation
1:00 p.m.: Grand Military Formation


Timothy Murphy: The Regular Soldier
Saturday, May 10th, 1:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2
The story of Timothy Murphy is a story of a little known soldier of Washington's army who witnessed and participated in many of the key events that took place during the Revolutionary War. From the Siege of Boston to the British surrender at Yorktown, Murphy was there. Gain a better insight into those who served the cause for independence at this one-hour program recounting this patriot's experiences.

The Artillery of Valley Forge
Saturday, May 17th, 1:00 p.m.
Artillery Park - Tour Stop #8
Artillerists were some of the best-educated men in the army; however, their service is not often recognized when talking about the Continental Army. They learned their trade through experience on the battlefield and through experimentation. The encampment at Valley Forge was more than just a training ground for the infantry; it was also a school for the artillery. As a result of this training, the artillery of the Continental Army became one of the best in the world. Join a ranger for this one-hour program that will examine the history of the artillery and its training at Valley Forge.

Possessed of the Patriotic Spirit
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, 2:00 p.m.
Muhlenberg Brigade - Tour Stop #2
Americans commonly recognize Valley Forge as the symbolic place to pay honor to the 2,000 soldiers who perished during the encampment. Circumstances at the time dictated that the army place its personnel to rest in many widely scattered cemeteries. Learn about the conditions of the camp the soldiers knew and how we have come to commemorate the sacrifices made by the patriots of Washington's army during this one-hour program.

Meet Abigail Freeman:
"Our Prospects Begin to Brighten"
Saturday, May 31st, 2:00 p.m.
Deweese's House - Tour Stop #5
By late May, "great and capital changes" were happening in the Continental Army. Clothing was coming in, recruits began arriving, and the foundation was laid for a plentiful supply of provisions. The army grew stronger every day, and success seemed to be within reach at last. However, as Abigail Freeman will remind you, no one took for granted that there wasn't still much more to do.

Anna Morris Holstein Saves Washington Headquarters
Sunday, June 8th, 1:00 p.m.
DeWeese's House - Tour Stop #5
Long before there was a park, there was Anna Holstein, the driving force behind the preservation of Washington's Headquarters. During this one-hour presentation learn how her desire to commemorate the encampment influenced those legislators that created Pennsylvania's first state park.



March-Out of Valley Forge
Saturday, June 21st, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Throughout the Park

In commemoration of the Continental Army's departure from Valley Forge, join Washington's soldiers as they prepare to pursue the British who have evacuated Philadelphia and are heading for New York. Soldiers, officers, camp followers, and civilians from every walk of life including African Americans and American Indians will be featured at various stops along the ten-mile driving tour. Visit with them as they demonstrate the lessons learned at Valley Forge. Activities will include drilling, musket and cannon firing, and camp life.

June 21st:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Camp Open for Visitation
6:30, 7:00 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.: Evening Tours of Camp

June 22nd:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Camp Open for Visitation
1:00 p.m.: March from the Grand Parade to the National Memorial Arch for a *Ceremony of Remembrance.*

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